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SUBJECT: GVN PRESS STATEMENT ON PRISONER RETURN ISSUE

1. THE GVN PRESS SPOKESMAN ISSUED A SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN DURING THE MORNING PRESS BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 26, OUTLINING THE RVN DELE-

GATION POSITION ON THE PRISONER RETURN ISSUE DURING THE SEPTEMBER 25 SESSION OF THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION.

2. THE STATEMENT SAID THAT BRIG. GEN. PHAN HOA HIEP ATTENDED THE MEETING WHERE; "THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NLF WAS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS FRANKLY AND CONCRETELY THE PROBLEM CONCERNING THE RETURN OF PRISONERS. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RVN IS IN READINESS. THE NLF ONLY NEEDS TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY MEASURES AND REFRAIN FROM AUTHORIZING ITS CADRE TO INVADE THE SITES ESTABLISHED FOR THE RETURN OF PRISONERS TO ALLOW THE PLAN TO WORK AGAIN IMMEDIATELY."

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3. THE NLF DELEGATE, NGUYEN VAN SY, RESPONDED WITH PROPAGANDA

STATEMENTS ACCORDING TO THE PRESS STATEMENT, READING A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ACCUSING THE GVN OF TORTURING PRISONERS. BG HIEP DENIED THE ACCUSATION, IN TURN ACCUSING THE OTHER SIDE OF INHUMANE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.

4. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS STATEMENT, BG HIEP ALSO "ACCUSED THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CONNECTING TWO UNRELATED ASPECTS OF ARTICLE 8B, I.E., THE SEEKING OF DEAD OR MISSING PERSONNEL WITH THE RETURN OF CAPTURED CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, IN A CRAFTY ATTEMPT STEALTHILY TO SEEK US ASSISTANCE IN EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE RVN."

5. THE STATEMENT SAID THERE WAS NO PROGRESS ON THE ISSUE.
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